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Education

- 1998-2003 Ph. D. in Medicinal Chemistry/Organic Chemistry, University of Michigan (Professor Masato Koreeda)
1996-1998 M. S. in Organic Chemistry, University of Alabama (Professor Michael P. Cava)
1993-1996 M. S. in Organic/Organometallic Chemistry, Nankai University, PRC (Professor Zhengzhi Zhang)
1989-1993 B. S. in Organic Chemistry, Nanchang University, PRC

Professional Experience

- 2013- Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UC Santa Barbara
2011-2013 Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UC Santa Barbara
2009-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UC Santa Barbara
2005-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Nevada, Reno
2003-2005 Postdoctoral Fellow with Professor Sergey A. Kozmin, University of Chicago

Awards and Honors

- 2014 One of Highly Cited Researcher by Thomson Reuters (<http://highlycited.com/index.htm>)
2009 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow
2009 Spring 2009 CAPA (Chinese American Chemistry & Chemical Biology Professor Association) Distinguished Junior Faculty Award.
2008 Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity (UNR)
2008 NSF CAREER Award
2008 Amgen Young Investigator's Award
2007 Thieme Journal Award
2007 Unrestricted gift by Merck & Co, Inc.
2007 Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award
2002 Eli Lilly Fellowship, University of Michigan
2001 Pfizer Fellowship, University of Michigan
1996 Dean's Merit Scholarship, University of Alabama
1996 "Excellent Thesis" Award, Nankai University, PRC

Publications

• Independent Work

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